

# Day in the Life of a Full Time Kindergarten Teacher... Developmental Approach

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### Overview



- Scheduling
- Curriculum
- Assessments
- Stations
- Developmental Stages
- Transitions
- Parent Communication
- Strategies for Success
- Behavior Strategies
- First Six Weeks







- Academics in the morning
- Specials in the afternoon
- Sample schedules
- Collaborate with specialists
  - Adequate movement
  - Avoid sensory overload
  - Minimal paper/pencils tasks
- Discussion



### Academic Curriculum

- Reading
  - Visual Phonics
- Math
  - Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI)
  - TERC
- Writing
  - Handwriting without Tears
- Social Skills
- Integrated Science, Social Studies, Native American Culture, Health, Art, Technology, Drama



- Social Services Coordinator
  - How to ask someone to play
  - How to get help-playground
  - How to make an apology
  - How to accept an apology
  - How to get the teachers attention
  - I can wait



- Reporting to parents 1st quarter/trimester
  - Academic
    - Letters/sounds
    - Numerals/counting/patterns
  - Personal
    - Name/address/phone
  - Social
    - Who are two friends in our classroom





- Letters/sounds
- Numerals/counting/patterns
- Interests
- AIMS Web
- Student led conferences
  - Checklist
  - Self-report
  - Portfolio original or electronic



### Stations



- Art
- Math
- Reading
- Writing
- Puzzles
- Games
- Computer
- Listening
- Science/Social Studies





- Yardsticks--Chip Wood
  - Narrative
  - Growth patterns of five year old
  - Five year old in Classroom
  - Changes as children move toward age six
- Quiet time after lunch (1-6 weeks)
  - Story & rest
  - Quiet music
  - Art Station





- First Day
  - Social Services Coordinator
  - Parent group organized event
  - Story saying good-bye
  - Call home first recess
  - Note at end of day
  - Next morning be there to transition





- Big Buddies
  - Rules
  - Art projects
  - Computer skills
  - Field trips
  - Reading pairs
  - Games
  - Indoor recess
  - Cooking or choice

### **Transitions**

- End of day
  - Parent pick-up
    - Information index card
      - Who
      - Bus number
      - Phone call
      - Note in communication notebook
    - Come inside
    - Identify self



### Parent Communication



- Daily notebook
  - Bookbag
  - Notebook
  - Successes/difficulties
  - Student conference of his/her day
  - Question in initial messages
- Equal number of phone calls for appropriate
   & inappropriate behavior
- Weekly/monthly newsletters







- Hands on
  - Academics
  - Cooking
  - Movement/drama
  - Touch Points Math
  - Handwriting without Tears
  - Magnetic letters/numbers
  - Stations
- Individual curriculum
  - Folder calendar, books, daily work
  - Journals



- Money
  - Money/life skills
  - 1-to-1 correspondence
  - Counting/grouping/estimating skills
  - Weekly shopping at store
  - Effective for substitute
- First to choice/play
- Removal from group



### First Six Weeks



- Focus
  - Building classroom community
  - Classroom rules and routines
  - School rules and routines
  - Social/behavioral skills



• GO SLOWLY-it will be a process, not an event!





- September-October -What were they thinking
- November Ready to learn
- January Developmental leap with a big discrepancy between the older and less mature students--differentiated instruction
- Spring Body parts/functions, bathroom humor
- End of Year Harder to separate for both student and teacher



# Behavioral Manipulative Resources

- Balloons with sand
- Cloth rice ball
- Figets
- Aquarium tubing on elastic
- Weighted blanket
- Pressure vest
- Shaving cream
- Therapy ball
- Peanuts
- Bumpy cushion





- -1-800-428-4414
- Really Good Stuff-Reading
  - -1-800-366-1920
- Oriental Trading
  - -1-800-228-2269
- Trainer's Warehouse
  - -1-800-299-3770



- The Night Before Kindergarten
  - by Natasha Wing
- The Kissing Hand
  - by Audrey Penn
- Yardsticks
  - Chip Wood
- Developing Number Concepts
  - by Kathy Richardson



### Resource Books



- Children's Mathematics CGI
  - by Carpenter, Fennema, Franke, Levi, Empson
- TERC, Investigations
  - by Dale Seymour Publications
- Reading and Writing in Kindergarten
  - by Rosalie Ranzese/Scholastic
- The New Kindergarten
  - by Constance J. Leuenberger/Scholastic





### Resource Books



- The Cooking Book NAEYC #140
  - by Colker
- Follow the Directions & Draw It All by Yourself
  - by Kristin Geller
- You Can Draw Animals
  - by Barbara Soloff Levy
- Fingerprint Drawing Book
  - by Ed Emberley



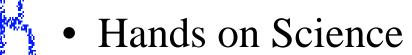


## Resource Books



- The Giant Encyclopedia of Art & Craft Activities
  - edited by Kathy Charner
- Monday Morning Books
  - Puzzle Pals MM2175
  - Cut-ups MM2174
  - Pocket Pals MM2176
  - Match-ups MM2173





- Carson-Dellosa #CD 7304
- Creative Teaching Press
  - Pocket Chart Alphabet Activities CTP 4035
  - Instant Math Centers CTP 2597